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Staff Meeting Minutes of 23 July 1979

The Director chaired the meeting. []

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Referring to last week's DMA alert of a possible ship hijacking in the Strait of Hormuz, the Director noted a press report that "maybe CIA fabricated this." He asked if there was any more developing on this. Bowie said a report is underway which would be available later this week. Lehman said he forwarded to the Director a paper which explains the current mechanism for alerting ships at sea, noting the mechanism stems from an interagency agreement following the Mayaguez incident. []

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McMahon said Ambassador Newsom advised him that Secretary Vance is interested in anything additional we come up with on Soviet troops in Cuba. The Director noted this is in contrast with the apparent casual interest shown by Vance when the Director passed him and others a current NFAC report on this topic at Friday's SCC meeting on Cuba. []

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Relatedly, Lehman said consideration had been given late last week to issuing an Alert Memorandum on Afghanistan. The Director and Bowie advised that an Alert Memorandum not be issued at this time. []

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[] reported briefly that the Director's letter to the President re payment of death gratuities had been short-stopped by Dr. Brzezinski for further NSC negotiation with OMB. He said OLC efforts on Saturday were successful in getting the Senate to adopt an amendment (re sources and methods) to Senator Jackson's amendment which involves intelligence support in the Export Control Act. []

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The Director agreed with Bowie's suggestion that letters be prepared from the DCI to Charles Duncan and G. William Miller congratulating them on their new Cabinet assignments and setting the stage for continuing good intelligence relations with DOE and Treasury. He suggested, for example, that Foster Collins at Treasury be consulted on how the letter to Miller might be shaped. (Action: NFAC) []

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Silver reported his and Mr. Carlucci's meeting with Attorney General Bell on Friday was successful. Despite a few remaining issues, e.g., a State Department issue which would [] Silver said his office is preparing a final proposal which could be forwarded to Bell later this week. []

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Wortman said repair work will necessitate reduced electrical power in the Headquarters building during 0800-1200 hours Sunday, 29 July. He said also GSA has indicated a possible increase of up to \$4 million in SLUC for the 1981 budget. []

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The Director reported on the 20 July SCC meeting re Central America; he said Defense expressed appreciation for our recent paper on Nicaragua and tht Henry Owen asked that future reporting on Nicaragua include economic impact. The Director noted also the SCC's charge for its next meeting that ways be found for improving collection in Central America. The

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The Director noted the alacrity with which the SCC accepted State and Defense papers which relax the Administration's stand on human rights in Central America. The Director advised Bowie to keep this in mind, especially since we know little of what's going on in El Salvador. []

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The Director noted his favorable interest in NFAC's paper on Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping. The Director also noted possible interest by the President; Bowie said he will see that the paper is forwarded to Dr. Brzezinski. []

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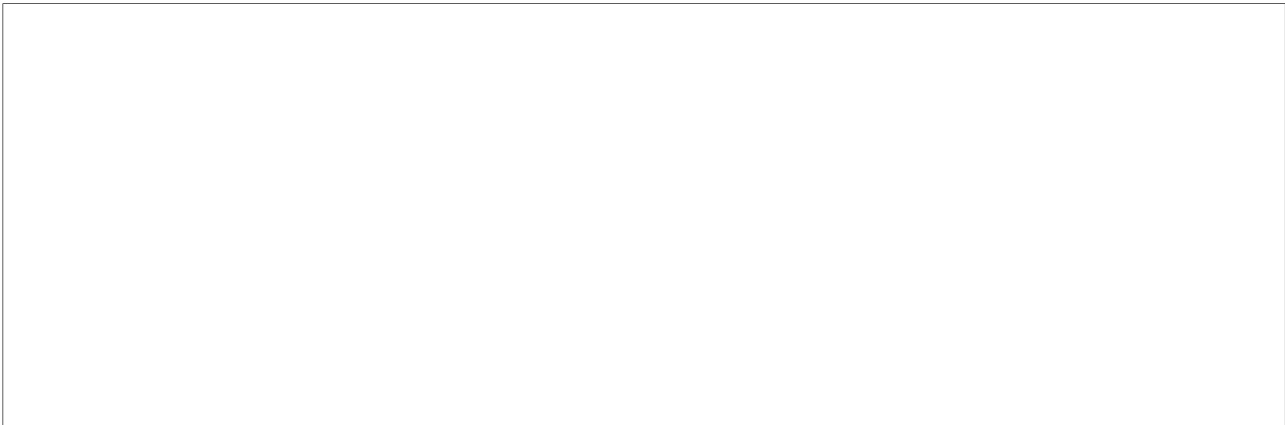


The Director highlighted his priorities for this week--mainly SALT, Presidential briefing, and a PRC(I) on the NFIP. He said today's Presidential pre-brief would not be necessary because he will brief the President mainly on SALT and that Mr. Carlucci would join him to brief on the Middle East.

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